

# Weekly Views

January 13, 2012

Kevin Gilmore, a nearly 28 year veteran of the Indiana Department of Correction is the new Assistant Superintendent of Re-Entry at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility! Starting his career as an Officer at the former Rockville Training Center, Gilmore has worked his way through the ranks, bringing a wealth of offender re-entry experience to his new assignment at Wabash, where he has worked with distinction since 1993. Congratulations Assistant Superintendent Gilmore! (pictured below)



The DOC Race Team invites you to participate in the 2012 Indianapolis

Super Bowl's Legacy Loop 5K Run/Walk, which also includes a scavenger hunt en route. For more information, contact

Lisa Salinas at [lsalinas@idoc.IN.gov](mailto:lsalinas@idoc.IN.gov), or register online at

[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=5612](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=5612).

In preparation for the Super Bowl, sixteen offenders assigned to the Security Level One housing unit at the Pendleton Correctional Facility are participating in an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) work crew. The offender cleanup crew is picking up trash along Interstate 70 and at the entrances and exits of Indianapolis International Airport. The project began on January 8<sup>th</sup> and will run through January 23<sup>rd</sup>.



The Putnamville Correctional Facility donated 70 lbs. of pop can tabs to Reelsville Elementary Student Council members to assist them in reaching their 1,000 lb. goal. Student Council members started the drive in 2010 and have collected over 416 lbs. of tabs. On January 19, the tabs will be delivered to McDonalds with the proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House for families in need. (see photo left)

Well wishing staff at the Westville Correctional Facility honored Captain Earnest Huff on his final day with the DOC. After 28 years of correctional service, Lead Captain Huff has retired from duty. During an afternoon cake and coffee ceremony, Captain Huff was presented with a plaque and gifts from misty-eyed staff who lined the room to say good-bye. While working for the Department, Captain Huff also remained active in the Armed Forces. He returned to serve in the Iraq conflict and retired from military service in 2003.

The PLUS program at the Putnamville Correctional Facility held a Church's Chicken sale. The event, coordinated by Case Manager Karumathil Kumaran, generated over \$3700 in proceeds that will be used for charitable donations and program needs.

An electronic audit was conducted on South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility from January 9-10, 2012. The final passing score for the audit was 100% compliance on mandatory standards and 99.68% on non-mandatory standards. South Bend Juvenile Superintendent Donna Carneygee thanks facility staff for being supportive and working closely with the Audit Review Division to achieve a successful audit.

First Lady Cheri Daniels' annual Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers Food Drive will kick off on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and run through the month of February. Last year, IDOC donated 9,018 cans and over \$1,100 to various food banks across the state. Commissioner Lemmon challenges IDOC staff to double our contribution from last year. Facility coordinators should contact Stephanie Lightfoot (317-232-5766 or [slightfoot@idoc.in.gov](mailto:slightfoot@idoc.in.gov)) for more details on this year's food drive. Start collecting those cans!!

The Therapeutic Community program at the Correctional Industrial Facility presented a skit using the Wizard of OZ theme. The program was loosely based on Dorothy's journey through OZ and her attempt to return home. For TC participants, the skit journey reflected their similar struggles in recovery using the 12 steps as their "yellow-brick-road."

Several Central Office staff joined Commissioner Lemmon at the 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Celebration at the Statehouse. Governor Daniels spoke on Dr. King's remarkable character. Several individuals who exemplify the heart of Dr. King received awards, and noted author and Chair of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) gave a stirring speech on the importance of education for all American students.